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PORT FOOD DRIVE

'Everyone knows someone going through a hard time'

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Larry Beam enlisted friends and family to help collect food for the annual food drive in the lakeside city.

Beam is a member of the with their children Port Colborne Lions Club, organizer of the 19th annual drive last Saturday

"I've been doing this for about 15 years now," said Beam, who brought his nieces with him on the drive as they went up and down Borden Ave.

on the city's northwest side. He said the drive was going well and was pretty consistent with last year in terms of how much food people were leaving out. He said some residents told him they'd already given a donation through local schools

Also out on the food drive were about 25 Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters - professional, volunteer and retired - and their families

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Lexa Wintle taks a bag from Port Colborne Lions Club member Larry Beam on Borden Ave. in Port Colborne during the 19th annual Port Colborne Lions Club Food Drive on Saturday.



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Giving back to the community

"We had three of our trucks out and our pickups, too. The volunteers had their antique truck out and our crew on duty was out as well," said fire Chief Tom Cartwright as he and fire prevention officer Mike Bendia traveled up Sugarloaf St. by H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

Cartwright said the Lions club supports the fire service, so firefighters try and give back both to the club and the community

Joining Beam and the firefighters were about 300 other volunteers collecting in the community, then unloading and sorting non-perishable food items at Christian Life Assembly Church on Barrick

Jason Hockley, Lions Club food drive co-ordinator, said there were scouts venturers sea cadets, high school students, and many members from local churches that came out to help.

"Port Colborne Baptist Church's youth group came out and took on two routes."

Hockley said volunteers spread through the city, but did not head into rural areas. The rural parts of the city were notified of the food



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Brittany Roach, left, 16, and Jessica Bates, 15, put two bags of non-perishable food items into a trailer at the south end of Steele St. in Port Colborne during the 19th annual Port Colborne Lions Food Drive on Saturday.

drive ahead of time and donation barrels were set up for them to drop off items All food collected, he said, would go to the Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre food

bank Once the items were

sorted, they were taken to a trailer provided by Fontaine Transport, before being taken to the food bank. Hockley said there was a good response from the community "Everyone knows some-

one who is going through a hard time right now. Port Cares Reach Out Food

Centre operations manager Rachelle Anderson could not be reached for comment.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services volunteer firefigithter Ian Roberts loads up one of the services' fire trucks with two boxes of food during the 19th annual Port Colborne Lions Club Food Drive on Saturday.

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MOVEMBER: Lakeshore principal feeling a little naked these days

His 'stache has been trashed

DAVE IOHNSON

InPort News Staff PORT COLBORNE Lakeshore Catholic dent at Lakeshore. High School principal Dan The school's two vice-

DiLorenzo walked the corprincipals were to shave off ridors of the Port Colborne DiLorenzo's moustache, but school a bit naked last enlisted the principal's son heateni

DiLorezno didn't strip down, rather it was his upper lip that was bare.

Thursday

There was a lot of excitement around the school about this. Student council came up with the idea."

Dan DiLorenzo, Lakeshore Catholic High School principal

The moustache he had had since Grade 12 was shaved off the day before by his 16-yearold son John, a Grade 11 stu-

DiLorenzo's moustache came off as part of a Movember fundraiser before an audience of Grade 11 and 12 students on Wednesday afternoon. Students took up a collection in the auditorium before DiLorenzo went

up on stage During November each year, Movember sees men in Canada and around the world grow moustaches to raise funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health initiatives.

As the assembly went on. DiLorenzo said he was growing a little more nervous as he anticipated a clipper being taken to his

"I've always had a moustache," said the principal before taking the stage. "There was a lot of excitement around the school about this. Student council

moustache.

came up with the idea." Because it's for a good cause and he wanted to show his support for students taking part in Movember, he agreed to have his 'stache trashed

"It was worth it," he said. Like Lakeshore students, and others across the country. DiLorenzo started to grow his moustache back on Thursday.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo John DiLorenzo, left, a Grade 11 student at Lakeshore Catholic High School, shaves off school principal Dan DiLorenzo's moustache on Wednesday. Dan is John's father and allowed the shaving of his moustache, which he's had since Grade 12, for Movember, a men's month-long

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campaign in support of prostate cancer awareness.

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Ourview

Growing need

very year we write about the annual Port Colborne Lions
Food Drive here in the city.

The story is always the same: local food bank shelves are nearly empty and the people of Port Colborne step up to help

those in need We wish we didn't have to write the story, we wish there

were no longer a need for food banks in Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Welland and across the country But unfortunately there is a need for food banks and that

need seems to increase each and every year. People often associate food banks with the homeless, but it's not just the homeless that use food banks. It's the working poor, people who have jobs but don't make enough to cover all their expenses. Often these people have to make a choice between hydro, gas, rent and food

And food falls by the wayside over having a roof over their

head or heat to keep warm. Food banks help these people make it through the year. Those that run food banks, like Port Cares here in Port Colborne, are now seeing a growing, and disturbing trend.

Families with young children are now using them Families shouldn't have to resort to food banks, no one should. We're glad that Canada is a nation full of people willing to

help, but hope for the day food banks are no longer necessary.

Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services had a new fire truck delivered last week. The truck will be called Rescue 1 and will be the fire services dedicated rescue truck. It will respond to all collision calls and

any calls requiring the technical rescue members. The new truck comes with a command post where we can put firefighters inside or meet with police or EMS if needed. It holds six personnel with five seats that have breathing apparatus in them ready to go, which means firefighters can actually respond quicker at a scene

Fire Chief Tom Cartwright said it means less vehicles headed to the scene of a call because all of the needed rescue equipment will be on one truck.

That means less wear and tear on the other vehicles. Some might say the \$295,000 cost is too much and a waste of taxpaver dollars.

We'd disagree with that

While the cost seems high, having one truck respond rather than two or three saves the city in terms of wear and tear on the other vehicles and also saves in terms of fuel. It means the other vehicles will last longer and won't have to be replaced

We're sure residents would rather have vehicles that are in good condition and able to respond to calls, especially when someone's life could depend on it.

A campaign that's gone to the dogs

oming to the close of a campaign that has lasted nearly as long as the First World War, the Americans must be very, very tired of this presidential election

They have surveyed everything from Democrats to doughnuts; they have interviewed everybody from Republicans to the owner of a reptile zoo who believes Mitt Romney would be good for his business. There are 10 new national polls every day predicting within a 0.04% margin. of error, 10 possible results.

The election campaign has gone on so long Sarah Palin hasn't said anything really stupid in almost two years and Vice- President Joe Biden is running low on gaffes. Donald Trump is so tired he can only manage to attack President Obama's character once every two weeks. This election campaign has become so ridiculous, Sesame Street's Big Bird could take Ohio as well as an endangered species

sanctuary on the island of Maui. It appeared America was quite engaged in this election when nearly 60 million citizens tuned in to watch the last televised debate on foreign policy. That is until all the numbers came in and in fact more Americans were actually watching Honey Boo Boo than the

Obama/Romney smackdown. My own favourite poll was the one conducted right after the Republican convention. When asked who was best equipped to lead America, 27% said President Obama, 25% said Gov. Romney, while 45% pointed to that empty chair Clint Eastwood was talking to

This campaign has been long and looney, nasty and largely negative and each day Americans are bombarded with over-the-top-ads on every manner of machine that can deliver a message.

I could hear the frustration in the voices of those people polled on the streets of Los Angeles when they were asked who won the first ladies debate between Michelle Obama and Ann Romney, Each had a strong but different opinion on who was the real winner.

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Unfortunately there was no such thing as a first ladies debate, it was just comedian limmy Kimmel messing with

OK, if you're an American about to go to the polls next Tuesday and you're undecided, confused and thinking hell, why don't we just have George Bush's cronies at the Supreme Court decide this one, too - I am here to helo you.

Sit down, relax, close your eyes and focus on just the two of them. Who exactly can you best imagine in the White House? The tall goofy-looking one or the short but really cute one? Do you want the big red one with the floppy ears or the black-faced little rascal with the button nose?

This election could change the course of America for decades, so make your decision - do you want to elect Romney's Irish setter as first dog or Obama's Portuguese water dog?

Who's it gonna be - Seamus or Bo? The time to decide is now. And when you look at swing states, dead

heats, hanging chads and the museum known as the electoral college of votes deciding your president vicariously through his dog is as good a system as the one that's now in place. Your average Irish setter is generally as

dumb as a stump, but loval. Setters are handsome, colourful and like to drink a bit. The Portuguese dog is clever and resourceful, a working dog that helps fisherman tend nets and haul in ropes. Seamus appears to me to be an unambitious lay about, but who can blame

him. Secretly he's probably thrilled to be slouched on anything that's not moving. Years ago Mitt Romney took the family on a 650-mile car

trip from Massachusetts to Canada with Seamus strapped to the roof of the station wagon, Romney claimed the dog actually enjoyed the trip in his well-secured cage with a specially made windshield. Several hundred miles into the journey, with liquid brown poop running down the windows of the Chevrolet Caprice, Seamus begged to differ with his master's take on the open-

Frankly, the dog was scared witless. No mention has been made as to how Mitt Romney handled the washroom breaks for his wife and those five boys in the back. (The incident in which Seamus was secured to the car like a hood ornament was documented in a rock song by Devo

titled Don't Roof Rack Me, Bro!)

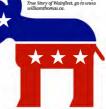
Bo, named after the rock legend Bo Diddley, appears to be feisty, playful and just so damn cute. I'm sure he's got mischievous sparkling eyes but you can't see them for all the adorable black curls. In videos, Bo is always nipping at somebody's heel, chewing on a shoe and trying to outrun the president, having more success at that than Romney, Bo squats like a female when he pees but this is hardly a reason not to vote for him, indeed it could be deemed sexist. As current first dog, Bo has political ties to the Kennedy breed and with "Portuguese" in his title, would make an excellent ambassador to that fine country. He's also neutered which as history proves is always a good thing for a male in the White House.

If nothing else, these two dogs will provide a great service for both winner and loser of this election. As Harry Truman once said: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog The choice is clear America, Do you

want a president who, for the purpose of expediency might strap his dog to the roof of Air Force One on a peace mission to the Mideast or a commander-in-chief who races his charming little pup into the Oval morning? The president of the United

States may lead, but from by experience, the dog rules.

For comments, ideas and copies of The



■readers'views Comparison compliment

It is nice to see The Tribune reporting comparisons from the Niagara region with other communities

It would be even nicer if those comparisons gave more detail and assurances that the same criteria were used.

Crimes reported. Who would have thought that London and Thunder Bay would be the hotbeds of crime? If one calls to report a vehicle break-in

in Niagara, a number is given to use for the insurance company and no police arrive. Is this reported as a crime or a misdemeanour and is it treated the same way elsewhere? If no investigation takes place. are the perpetrators encouraged to go on

to bigger and better things? It would seem pretty obvious that London and Thunder Bay are reporting more things as crimes than the Niagara

region is. There is a wide discrepancy in costs of garbage disposal and diversion of trash

Do you suppose the people in London

from landfill

are stealing the garbage, resulting in a higher crime rate? Why can some communities deal with garbage for less than half the cost compared to Niagara?

Are governance and corporate management costs calculated in the same manner?

Good information is important, but showing why the information is good would be better, and showing how Sudbury, Calgary and London can dispose of garbage for half to two thirds less than Niagara might inspire our regional govern-

Remie Cusack Wainfleet

New not always better

ment to learn from others.

Once upon a time we lived a nice peaceful life in the cities of Port Colborne and Welland and the town of Pelham and enjoyed our full-service hospital in each community. Until one day when Niagara Health System was formed to make our lives better and our hospitals more efficient. Now we are being told that if we have to go to the hospital, good luck, it will be 25 miles away. Kevin Smith, please go back to Hamilton because it appears you

do not understand life in a small town. Our hospitals can be repaired, new is not always better. I believe you have made a grave mistake in judgment and your choice will devastate our town's future. Who is going to build or begin a new business in a

town without a hospital? We have managed all these years and I feel we can sustain our small hospitals for more years to come

I feel very sorry for the people of Canada. They work harder every day and have to settle for so much less. Rural health care is so very important in today's society. Please listen to us before it is too late

Elizabeth Danch Port Colhorne

Car show in high gear

This year, the Canal Days Car Show cel-

ebrated its 20th year. During these years we have been very fortunate to have the support of car enthusiasts and the citizens of Port Colborne.

This year, despite rain and an early end to the car show, the support received was nothing short of outstanding. Close to 400 cars were shown and an estimated 9,000 people walked thorough H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

We would like to thank our sponsor, Young Automotive Professionals, Without the support of John, Claudio and Tom the show would not exist at the level which it

We would also like to thank Carstar of Port Colborne for its continued support; Ed, Tammy and family at the Ice Box for their commitment and enthusiasm, and the City of Port Colborne and the Canal Days committee for their help and support.

Thank you to all the car show participants. We look forward to seeing everyone

Terry Huffman Canal Days Car Show committee

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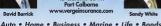
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New rescue truck for fire service

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PORT COLBORNE - Firefighters are getting a chance to drive a new rescue truck for the next few weeks before it heads back to the huilder and final changes are

made to it. "We have three weeks before it goes back. The guys are going to get used to driving it and figure out where all the equipment will go," said fire Chief Tom Cartwright.

Cartwright said the new rescue truck, to be called Rescue 1, was delivered on Tuesday by Dependable Emergency Vehicles, out of Brampton, and was built by Spartan ERV in South

"We'll be taking equipment we currently use for rescues off of the other

trucks, like our ladder truck, and putting it on the rescue. The new truck comes with a command post where we can put firefighters inside or meet with police or EMS if needed. It holds six personnel with five seats that have breathing apparatus in them ready to go

The chief said having all the rescue equipment in one truck will mean less wear and tear on the other vehicles. When there is a call for collision, or a rescue involving the fire service's technical rescue team, the rescue truck, along with one engine, will respond. The rescue truck does not come with a

water tank, the chief added. it is strictly for rescues. "We really needed the rescue truck. Now we won't be sending multiple vehicles to calls."

The 2012 Spartan Metro Star custom truck came at a cost of \$295,000 and will he able to hold more rescue equipment than the other trucks. "Over a 20 to 25 year period it is money well spent to protect the community."

Cartwright said the rescue will replace a 1991 Pierce engine truck that will be sold off and the fire service will bave five trucks in service.

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Port Colborne Fire and **Emergency Services' newest** truck sits inside the fire hall. Rescue 1 should be in service within a month once firefighters learn how it handles and decide what rescue equipment to place in the truck

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WELLAND - The Music Depot can teach you how to write a song, sing it and play

And now the Port Colborne-based business is bringing its services to

Manger Morgan Whelan said the Welland location opened on Tuesday, upstairs at 278 King St

"We're not closing our doors in Port Colborne, we're doing better than ever there." Whelan said she and Music Depot owner lack Mitchell have been talking about

opening a second location, in Welland, for the past couple of years. It was hard to find a good location, one with the layout and rooms we need."

But they found what they need in the King St. location, which had been home to Welland Academy of Music. "It's already laid out," said

With Welland students going to Port Colborne for essons in acoustic, electric, classical and bass guitar, and drums, piano, theory and vocals, it made sense to open the second location.

"Between Welland and Port Colborne we'll have nine teachers," Whelan said, adding despite a lot of competition the Music Depot is something a bit different.

"We're more like a school of performance. Whelan said Music Depot tries to get students out playing as soon as they can. Six students will be performing

at Seaway Mall in conjunction with a Hope Centre event. "We want people to have fun."

The Music Depot offers an dave.johnson@sunmedia.ca

introductory music program for children two to six years old that involves games, learning rhythm and playing with five different Instru-

ments to get them started. "We get the parents involved, too.

Whelan said songwriting is taught for anyone who doesn't want to pick up a musical instrument. Writers work with a music coach and can have their songs recorded and put on a CD that is then sold. Writers get rovalties from the sales.

waned to write a song, and children as young as eight come in and just blow our minds' The Music Depot, both

Welland and Port Colborne can be reached at 905-834-

THE MUSIC DEPOT DE MENTE VOLUME TWO 2013 "We've had poets come in, adults who have always

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Lives still at risk: fire chief



Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters battle a garage fire at 501 Stanley St. last week.



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PORT COLBORNE - People still aren't getting the message that working smoke alarms are mandatory, says Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Chief Tom

"Obviously in the last number of years we've promoted the use of smoke alarms and our people are out on a daily basis installing or providing them to people who need them," says Cartwright.

But, says the chief, it seems every time firefighters go and flood an area, they find a very high percentage of non-compliance with the fire code.

Under the provincial fire code, smoke alarms are mandatory in a home and must be outside every sleeping area and on every level of a home.

"This week alone our guys were out on four calls and in every instance had to install smoke alarms. During Fire Prevention Week we installed 32 smoke alarms in a two-block stretch. That's incredibly high. Our people are going to

go back and do that area again." Cartwright says it's discouraging and disheartening the lack of smoke alarms or working ones continues to be an issue

The chief says it's the it-won't-happento-me syndrome "But when it does happen, it's too late."

A perfect example of an instance when a working smoke alarm made a difference was a garage fire on Stanely St. last

Carwright says the homeowners

were sitting in a room adjacent to a sun-room, which is attached to a garage, That sunroom had a smoke alarm that went off when a fire broke out in the garage. Thanks to the alarm, the homeowner went to check what was going on and discov-

ered the fire. The fire was very heavy when we arrived and, quite frankly, if he hadn't noticed the alarm and notified us as soon as he did, more of the home would have been hurnt."

The chief says the fire service is taking a zero-tolerance approach to the issue, "If we catch you, we can charge you, We can write just under \$300 tickets on the

spot and have fines up to \$2,500." People who have rental properties homes, apartments, apartment buildings - also face stiff penalties if there are no working smoke alarms.

Cartwright says firefighters have gone into buildings and found a significant number of apartments without alarms. though it's not always landlords at fault. The chief says sometimes tenants will remove batteries from alarms. As long as the landlord has records showing alarms were installed, then tenants could be charged.

"People need to wake up ..." With clocks moving back an

hour this weekend, Cartwright says it's the perfect time for people to check their smoke alarms and change batteries. If an alarm is more than 10 years old, it should be replaced.

Anyone with questions about smoke alarms can contact the fire service at 905-834-4512.

Public Notice

Public Meeting for the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review will be held at:

RIDGEWAY-CRYSTAL BEACH HIGH SCHOOL 576 Ridge Road, Ridgeway, Ontario

Thursday, November 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Schools involved in the review area are: Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach



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Turbine bylaw in court

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET - Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. is suing Wainfleet over a wind turbine setback bylaw the township enacted in April of this year

"Yes, we are being sued," said Mayor April Jeffs last week, adding the case was before Ontario Superior Court of Justice last Thursday in St. Catharines for a first appearance.

The lawsuit was filed by the law firm of Aird and Berlis LLP this past July on behalf of Wainfleet Wind Energy, which is looking to install a number of wind turbines in the township. Th e company is owned by the Loeffen family and earlier this year Tom Rankin, CEO of Rankin

Construction, bought into it In April, the township passed a bylaw that called for a twokilometre setback

of wind turbines from residences, instead of the 550-metre setback allowed by the

province under the Green Energy Act. Township staff told council it had no author. ity to pass the bylaw because the Green Energy Act supersedes

local decisionmaking. Wainfleet had also previously passed a moratorium on the construction of wind turbines.

Rankin's lawyers appeared before council to tell alderman they couldn't pass the setback bylaw and that it would not stand up, but council passed it Jeffs said Tuesday that township

council met twice in-camera to discuss the lawsuit, and as far as she knows. she may be the only one called to court when the case comes back. "I had to give a sworn affidavit and

will be representing the township." The mayor said lawyer Donald C. DeLorenzo of the firm of Daniel and Partners LLP, will be representing the township and lawyer Eric Gillespie, of

Eric K. Gillespie Professional Corp., will be collaborating on the case. Gillespie is known for his work in the class-action lawsuit against Vale (formerly Inco) and is an environmental lawyer.

Jeffs said the lawsuit is about having

the bylaw quashed by the courts, not for damages, other than costs associated with the lawsuit application and any relief the court decides on. Though there are no funds in the budget for the case, it could be dealt with in the 2013 budget "We could debenture it, but that's

not something that's been discussed by council," she said, adding she had just thought of the idea. Jeffs said the setback passed by

Wainfleet council was the right thing to do and stands behind the decision. She said council feels there need to be more health studies around the effects of wind

"Other countries around the world are implementing farther setbacks."

leffs said council also felt it was worth standing up for the setback issue because "somebody needs to stand up."

The bylaw passed by Wainfleet council, the mayor added, has been circulated across the province and several munici-

palities have expressed their support for it. With Wainfleet being the first municipality to pass such a large setback bylaw and taken to court over it. Jeffs said other municipalities that are facing wind turbines are watching to see what

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happens.

LAWSUIT FACTS ■ A declaration that By-law 013-2012 enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet (the "Township") does not apply and is without effect to the Wainfleet project as described

- In the alternative, that Township By-law 013-2012 is guashed on the basis that it is ultra vires (beyond
- the powers) the Township. Its costs of the application. Such further and other relief
- as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court permit A copy of the lawsuit shows the grounds for the application and a background of the case.



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Notice is hereby given that the 13th Annual General Meeting of FirstOntario Credit Union Limited will be held:

Date & Time: December 5th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

(registration begins at 6:15 p.m.) Place: Marquis Gardens

Address: 1050 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario L8W 3N6

The purpose of this meeting:

- 1 To receive the:
 - Report of the Board of Directors
 - · Auditors' Report
 - Report of the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2012
 - Report of the Loan Officer
 - . Report of the Audit Committee
- 2 To appoint Auditors
- To receive a Report on the Election of Directors.
- To transact any other business of an Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in accordance with and respect of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act and follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Please be advised that this meeting will be open only to Members in good standing as of Monday, November 5th, 2012, Members will be required to show their FirstOntario debit card and/or other piece of identification for registration purposes.

Attention Unincorporated Associations, Partnerships and Corporations: You are asked to submit a Proxy to your branch by 2:00 p.m., on December 4th, 2012, the day prior to the meeting, in order for signing authorities to be verified.

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For further details, please visit our website at FirstOntarioCU.com.

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CLOCK SETBACK

PORT COLBORNE — An arrest has been made in connection to an early Sunday smash-and-grab robbery at a Port Colborne jewelry store. Niagara Regional Police responded to an alarm at

responded to an alarm at Tuck Jewellers at 4:55 a.m. On arrival, police found a display window smashed and a number of clocks stolen. A witness provided a detailed suspect description to investigating officers. During a search of the area, a man was located nearby and

arrested with stolen property. Daniel Wildman is charged with break and enter, possession of a weapon and theft from a motor vehicle under \$5,000.

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Cares' development officer, receives a \$500 cheque from Humberstone Lions Club president Gary Hoyle. The money donated by the service club will go toward programs offered by Port Cares.

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Twin-pad arena preview

REDNO EDANKE InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Pierre Groulx plans to visit Port Colborne next summer, but perch and walleve fishing isn't what will lure the Montreal Canadiens goaltending coach to the northern shore of Lake

He will be much more interested in spending the last week of July on water of a far colder temperature, like the ice at the new twin-pad arena now nearing completion on Elizabeth St. just south of Hwy. 3 on Port Colborne's east side.

Groulx, who intends to run an elite camp for 12-to 18-yearold goaltenders beginning July 29 at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre, recently got a speak preview of the \$32,2-mil-

lion facility Conducted by Bryan Elliott,

the city's ice-time programmer, the tour of the 140,000-squarefoot site showed Groulx where the two NHL-sized rinks will be located in the much-anticipated replacement for Westside Arena and the former Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena The Vale Centre, which is

expected to have a soft opening "sometime in December" and an official opening during Port Colborne's Sportsfest weekend Feb. 15-17, will also house an aquatic centre with lap and leisure pools, afield house with a double gymnasium and fitness area, eight outdoor bocce courts as well as a track for

year-round use by joggers and In addition to a Subway restaurant located near the

ell give you something to

entrance to the complex, user friendly features included monitors displaying directions and schedules for upcoming

On the tour, Groulx was told one rink will be maintained throughout the summer months for hockey schools. such as his camp for goaltenders eager to elevate their puck-

stopping skills to the next level. He also learned from Elliott that one of the arenas will have a bench fronted by Plexiglas so sledge hockey players will be able to follow the action on the ice at eye level.

Ron Hanson, Port Colloome's director of engineering and operations, said the larger of the two arenas, which will have a seating capacity of 1,000, will be home to the junior B Port Colhorne Pirates The Don Cherry's Port

the only organization with a dedicated dressing room in the In all there will be 12 dress-

ing rooms in the Vale Centre. The smaller of the two ice surfaces, with a limited seating capacity of about 200, will be kept open year-round, Hanson

Groulx, who expects to be assisted at next sum-



Montreal Canadiens goaltending coach Pierre Groulx traded his clipboard and whistle for a hard hat and work boots when he recently toured the Vale Health and Wellness Centre in Port Colborne. The 140,000-square-foot facility, which will house two NHL-sized rinks as well as two swimming pools, is nearing completion off of Elizabeth St., near Hwy, 3, on the city's east side. nization after spending the previous four seasons with the

Florida Panthers, initially under

lacques Martin, then the team's

general manager and head

coach, and under Dunnville

mer's camp by Pierre Allard,

He joined the Habs orga-

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the Canadiens conditioning coach, has been working with Montreal's netminders since

> native Peter DeBoer during the 2008-09 season.

Groulx worked primarily as video coach in his first two years in Florida before adding the goaltending coaching to his

As Montreal's goaltending coach, he looks after all netminding prospects in the Canadiens organization, but most of his time his spent working with the big club. His tours of Montreal's farm system regularly has taken him to Hamilton, where the Bulldogs compete in the American Hockey League, and to Wheeling, W. Va., where the Nailers are the Habs' affiliate in

As part of his duties, Groulx does pre-scouting of opposing netminders and keeps a log book with scouting notes on all goalies playing in the NHL.

Since he began working with goaltenders at the NHI level, Groulx has worked with Ed Belfour, Tomas Vokoun and Craig Anderson with the Panthers, and Jaroslav Halak, Alex Auld and Carev Price.

Groulx began his pro career in Ottawa, where he spent five seasons as the Senators video coach. He was also a member of the coaching staff for Team Canada at the 2005 World Hockey Championship in



foot, multi-use entertainment and recreation facility, including two NHL-sized areas, two pools and eight bocce courts Where: Elizabeth St., south of Hwy. 3, Port Colborne Pricetag: \$34.2 million Opening: "Soft opening" in December, official opening during Sportsfest weekend. Feb. 16-18





Local hopes pinned on Obama

DAVE IOHNSON InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Prime Minister Stephen Harper signed its proclamation of peace and friendship. Now the Port Colborne-

Wainf leet War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee needs a signature from U.S. President Barack Obama. Brian Heaslip, chairman

of the 1812 committee, said a Conservative MP took the proclamation made by Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum to the prime minister, who personally signed it The wording of the

proclamation was kept as politically neutral as possible, but it does congratulate the Third Regiment of the Lincoln Militia which helped preserve Sugarloaf Settlement and it remembers Isaac Brock and his efforts in the war

PEACE & FRIENDSHIP Attention Fellow Canadian and American Citizens!

PROCLAMATION

Supplied illustration The Port Colborne-Wainfleet War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee has created a proclamation of peace and friendship.

The document will be used as part of the museum's 1812 travelling display, said. The idea to send the proclamation to the prime minister came from longtime museum

volunteer Bonnie Johnston. The proclamation came forward two years ago, when the museum's Sebast ian Habian. the education program coordinator, was a

summer student. "I worked on it and had help with the wording from Don Anger," said

Habian, Anger has written a number of books on the history of Port Colborne and his wife, Virginia, at one time was the museum's curator

Habian said the proclamations were featured at an 1812 booth during Canal Days and are now keepsakes for people. Five hundred were printed up and the museum has gone through a couple of hundred.

While Heaslip and Habjan were pleased the prime minister signed the proclama-



Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum education program co-ordinator Sebastian Habian, left, and Port Colborne-Wainfleet War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee chair Brian Heaslip hold a proclamation signed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The two men are hoping U.S. President Barack Obama will sign the local document that was also sent to him.

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Region backing off plan to reduce tax increase

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

\$25: The amount taxes will rise for the average household under the 2013

budget plan. 2%: The tax hike council is targeting. 2.1%: The hike that is actually likely because of Niagara nal Police budget overruns. \$302.736.214: The size of the

> JEFF BOLICHOWSKI OMI AGENCY NIAGARA

THOROLD - Regional council appears set to backpedal on its plan to whittle down next year's expected tax increase

Council agreed to move \$1.8 million from programs and use it to cut 2013's expected 2% tax hike by 0.6% But members balked at their own

move last Thursday at a budget committee meeting, when regional staff pointed out that would throw off the capital budget, which they had balanced for the next 10 years. Councillors quickly adopted a plan

to move \$1.8 million back into the capital budget, though that still needs the OK from council. That would put council back on course for a2%tax increase-or 2.1%, once expected Niagara Regional Police budget overruns are factored in. "We have, now, total misinforma-

tion reported in the press that somehow this is a magical allocation of savings. It's not," Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson said of the original motion.

He said council needs to have a "grown-up" discussion about finding cash for capital projects, and the new recommendation comes close.

But Port Colborne Coun. David Barrick, who put forth the original motion, said backing off the motion should bave required a two-thirds vote to reconsider. He couched the vote Thursday as staff controlling

"Staff didn't get their way, so they brought it back until they did get their way, which is more evidence that Niagara is run by a technocracy, not a democracy," he said. He said he wanted the region's

budget team to re-evaluate the capital budget to find savings. "Instead, they were back here this

morning with their hand out for more The original staff motion would bave put the \$1.8 million into the capital budget anyway. But the motion

forwarded by Barrick and actually voted on aimed the cash at cutting

That led to some confusion around the table as councillors tried to figure

out how to handle the motion. "I'm not clear on the impact of the difference between the two," said St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms.

"It seems very simple. But what is the impact? And Fort Erie Coun. John Teal questioned how council could take money already slotted to give taxpayers a break and use it for something else.

It's already allocated, he said. "Now, it's being suggested that the same money be sent in a different direction.

Out-going corporate services commissioner Brian Hutchings said whittling down tax increases would throw off the meticulously balanced capital budget. The region projects a balanced capital budget for the next 10 years, after grappling for years previous with a vast infrastructure gap.

Councillors appeared set to wait until Nov. 15 to reconsider the move. But St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan pre-empted that by moving to take the cash and move it into the capital budget. He said he didn't want to waste council's time waiting for a

In the end, councillors backed McMullan's motion 16-4. Barrick scoffed at suggestions from

some councillors that they didn't know what they were voting on initially.

"Maybe they should question why they sit in this chamber," he said.

WHAT'S GETTING FUNDING THIS YEAR?

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- Highway 406 and ThirdAve.:\$3 million ■ Canborough Rd. reconstruction: \$5.4
- Thorold Stone Rd. extension east of StanlevAve.: \$2.5 million
- Anew financial management system: \$12.9 million
- Killaly St. W. reconstruction:\$ 5.9
- StanleyAve. reconstruction:\$ 3.9

■ Widening on McLeod Rd.: \$2.6 million



Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre operations manager Rachelle Anderson said the Port Colborne Lions Food Drive is the main source of non-perishable food items for the centre's food bank. Volunteers sort and pack items during the drive on Saturday

'Awesome' effort impresses Reach Out Centre

DAVE JOHNSON OMI Agency Niagara

at Christian Life Assembly Church.

PORT COLBORNE - Rachelle base and 400 of those are children," Anderson was really excited to see the city come together on the weekend to make the 19th annual Port Colborne Lions Club Food Drive a success.

Anderson is the operations manager for Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre. She spent Saturday, the day of the food drive, back and forth between Christian Life Assembly Church where food was dropped off and sorted and the Reach Out Centre.

"There were girl guides, firefighters and church groups all coming together ... it was exciting.

She said the work of those volunteers and others who were out collecting non-perishable food items and then sorting, along with the hard work put in by the Lions Club, was "just awesome," On Monday, Anderson and a group of volunteers started to unload a transport trailer that was half-full of boxes

"It's hard to judge how many boxes we had, I wasn't counting, I'd say we had at least as much as last year and possibly a bit more. I'm thrilled with

Anderson said the Lions food drive keeps the food bank going throughout the year and is its main drive.

There are schools, church groups and grocery stores that help fill in the gaps with smaller drives done through-

How important the food drive is becomes apparent in the number of

people who rely on the food bank each

"We have 1,200 people in our data-

Anderson said. Port Cares took over the food bank from the Inter-Church group, which had

been running it for years, a year and a Anderson said the amount of food

given out varies, especially when it comes to families. "We look at how many people are in

a family and we let them come through and choose what they want. We try and keep special items for kids in school, like snack items they can take in their

One thing the food bank at the Reach Out Centre does a little differently is hand out perishable items as well. Last year's expansion of the centre at 61 Nickel St. included addition of a large walk-in freezer and cooler that allows for fresh food to be stored. People with large gardens and orchards can bring in seasonal items such as tomatoes and

"We hardly gave out any canned items in August and September we had so much fresh produce," Anderson said. She said fresh food is better for than

canned for people who use the food bank, which posts healthy recipes people can make with food they receive. The food bank takes in items all year long. People who want to make a donation can do so from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the centre

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Dumbass' teen filmed his own crime

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friends and they decide to get into WELLAND - A Port Colborne teenager has learned it's best to Even the 14-year-old accused

leave his cellphone at home when he goes out on the town with his admits he was "a dumb-ass" for sticking around when his two cousins, who are both 17 years of age, decided to rip apart a telephone book and use it to burn

Port Colborne

The teen, who cannot be named under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, appeared in the Ontario Court of Justice in Welland on Wednesday and pleaded guilty to a charge of break and enter. He was sentenced to probation and community

His two 17-year-old accomplices have already been dealt with by the courts during earlier appearances. They pleaded guilty to charges of break and enter with the intent to commit arson. They were given probation terms followed by community service.

The incident took place on Dec. 25. The shed was being used to store equipment at Nickel Beach. Defence lawyer leff Root said his client simply went along with the two older boys and was holding the cellphone to illuminate the area with the light that's inside the cellphone. He ended up pressing the record button, but was not involved in lighting the shed.

Root compared his client to one of the fictional cartoon characters from the Tom and Jerry series. His client was "the little dog"

down a shed at Nickel Beach in that hangs around the bigger dog named Spike, an American bulldog, that is more aggressive and

> often gets into trouble. Root said his client found himself in a bad spot once his friends set the shed on fire. The teen described himself as being "a dumbass" for sticking around during the incident.

Judge Tory Colvin said referring to this incident as "something dumb" was an understatement.

"You should have walked away. but instead you stuck around. said Colvin before sentencing the teen to 12 months probation followed by 20 hours of community service

Colvin let the teen know he was catching a break, but if he violates his probation he will likely end up before him again "and I won't be impressed."







'I left daylight for a world of evenings on the stage'

NICOLE LE JEUNE For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE - The Canadian Authors Reading Series can always be counted on to bring great writers to its stage, that much is always true.

On Oct. 24, the Roselawn Centre introduced not one but two authors who were responsible for the conception and finished memoir of Canadian icon Gordon Pinsent, titled Next. Pinsent and co-author

is also well known as an entertainment editor and columnist for the Toronto Sun as well as a creative consultant for The Rick Mercer Report, provided one of the most interesting readings the Series has seen to date Before welcoming both

authors to the stage, a large screen showed a compilation of many recognized clips from Pinsent's lengthy career in the entertainment industry. One thing was evident while the video played - Pinsent may be getting older but his work keeps getting better with

It was obvious from the get-go that Pinsent and Anthony have been longtime friends. The setting for last Wednesday eve-



Gordon Pinsent

ning's reading was a little different as Anthony interviewed his friend on his adventures in Hollywood his start in movies, television and theatre and Pinsent's coming of age. As the youngest of six children in the late 1930s and '40s, Pinsent was always in love

"Whatever movie was going on, I was there. The movies were like a magical elixir for me: I felt like

with the silver screen

they transported me and I imagined myself in them constantly. I was always in some kind of character, my mother never knew who was coming through the door," recalled Pinsent

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III HALLOWEEN FUN

SUPPLIED PHOTO

Township of Wainfleet staff dressed up for Halloween last week. In back from left are: Harry Flagg, Harold Kelly, Grant Munday, Mallory Flynn, Scott Luev. Robyn Madere, Greg Wulsman, Caitlin Wood, John Boerema, Tanya Lamb and in front Penny Armstrong and Mayor April Jeffs.





NOTICE TO CITIZENS APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

PORT COLBORNE

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Pinsent involves audience in his tales

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Pinsent is a fantastic storyteller; just like the films he loves, the man himself has a way of involving his audience in whatever tale he's telling. Pinsent described his first foray into theatre as having begun one night while having second light for a world of evenings on thoughts as he waited for his the stage."

slipped inside a theatre to avoid her seeing me and I caught the tail-end of a production and that was it for me. I knew that I wanted to be doing with my life," said Pinsent. "I left day-

From there, Pinsent "As soon as I saw her, I bounced around, from the stage to radio, then local television and film. With more than 60 years of experience under his belt. Pinsent is one of the few Canadian actors who have never stopped working since he began.

engaging as the man himself and will undoubtedly make its readers feel as though they're right alongside Pinsent in his adventures.

Although the reading series is sold our, some tickers may still be available. People can call and leave a message for Next is as charming and Loraine at 905-834-0898.

The movies were like a magical elixir for me; I felt like they transported me and I imagined myself in them constantly."

Gordon Pinsent



Man charged with public mischief

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A Port Colborne resident has been charged with public mischief after a man allegedly made false accusations against a police officer. On Aug. 3, Niagara Regional Police were called to check on the welfare of a Port Colborne man after his behaviour raised concern. His interaction with the responding officers led to the man being detained at the 3 District security facility. Upon his release, the male received treatment at a local hospital for two fractured bones in his right hand. He immediately contacted the NRP and reported that his injuries had been caused by an officer's excessive use of force, police said in a

news release.

Due to the severity of the
injuries, an investigation was
launched by the province's
Special Investigations Unit.

In completing the investigation, the director of the
SIU found that the officer

who interacted with the

male had not committed a criminal act and no further action was necessary.

NRP detectives then conducted an investigation into the allegations made by the male. It revealed the male intentionally misled NRP officers and SIU investiga-

tors into the cause of his injuries.

On Tuesday, 41-year-old John Kadwell was arrested and charged with public mischief. He was released on a promise to appear at Welland court on Dec. 19 at





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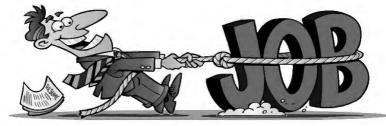
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Hospital petition buoyed in Port Colborne

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PORT COLBORNE - Pat Scholfield doesn't want to see Welland hospital lose services like Port Colborne hospital did. That's why she's supporting a petition put forward by Welland city council last

"They dismantled our hospital in Port Colborne ... it could happen in Welland. The longtime health-care

advocate was at the Salvation Army Thrift Shop, on Clarence St. in Port Colborne, on Monday giving a petition to the store for people to sign. The petition Welland

approved calls for equal, fair, safe and timely access to inpatient gynecological, obstetrical and pediatric services, no two-tier health system in the region, and no services moved until a proposed new south Niagara Hospital is open.

It also requested that any approval for a new south

Niagara hospital include a site that is centrally located - in

Welland

The petition has been spread throughout Welland and the Township of Wainfleet has thrown its support behind it.

Port Colborne city council recently received it and passed it on to the South Niagara Health Care Corp. for it to look at then recommend whether council support it

"I'm sure they'll approve it, but I would have liked to have seen council approve it," said Scholfield, adding it could be at least a month before the health care corp. makes a decision.

In addition to the Salvation Army Thrift Shop, the petition can be found at the Port Colborne Home Hardware. Frank's Hardware, Matheson's Drug Store, Port Thrift Shop, J&B Fashion, Sidey's, Boggio's Pharmacy and other area hueinoccoe

People who want to receive or return petitions may call Scholfield at 289-820-8648.



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Health-care advocate Pat Scholfield, left, and Salvation Army Thrift Shop manager Jean Methot watch Theresia Murtagh sign a petition to preserve Welland hospital services. The City of Welland petition can be found in many stores in Port Colborne including the Salvation Army shop on Clarence St.

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